Rationalisation of power tariff structure by DESU

177. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking to rationalise the tarifff structure whereunder the maximum tariff chargeable from domestic consumer has been equated to that chargeable from large industrial consumer; and

(b) if so, what is the response of DESU thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

Restructuring the State Electricity Boards

178. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure the State Electricity Boards on the lines recommended by the K.P. Rao Committee in 1989, which had suggested that SEBs be converted into public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, by when the programme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Working Group under the chairmanship of K.P. Rao in the report of May, 1989 recommended steps for strengthening the finances of the State Electricity Boards. They had not suggested anywhere in the report that State Electricity Boards be converted into Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) Question does not arise.

Revision of consumption charges by DESU

179. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU propose to revise the consumption charges of electricity;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof together with the objectives thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that such revision is necessitated due to unauthorised use of electricity in the factories and Jhuggi Jhoperie colonies of Delhi;

(d) whether it is also a fact that such unlawful use of electricity is being done in connivance with the staff of zonal offices of DESU;

(e) whether Government propose to fix some tenure of posting of staff in zonal offices of DESU to overcome the problem and to increase the revenues by regularising these connections; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) DESU is facing revenue deficit mainly due to the unremunerative tariff. Revision in tariff becomes necessary from time to time on account of increase in the case of various in-puts for power generation, purchase of power from outside agencies, increase in administrative expenditure etc.

(d) to (f) Theft of power is a congnizable offence under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. DESU has intensified its drive to check theft of power and other violations in the use of electricity. Appropriate action is taken by DESU as and when any specific case of connivance of its staff in the unlawful use of electricity is brought to its notice. The guidelines issued by DESU on 15.7.91 already provide for the rotational transfer of employees after completion of three years on sensitive posts and after 5 years on non-sensitive posts, subject to exigencies of work, administrative convenience etc.